(b) The main recommendations are of a macro nature and relate to changes in infrastructure, better technology, larger scale of production, changes in policies including those pertaining to fiscal support. The major objectives stated in the report include significant increases in the exports of agricultural commodities including marine and meat products.

(c) The Government has taken note of the recommendations for appropriate action as feasible.

Sale of Products of Units situated at Free Trade Zone

489. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) what is the current policy of Government for permitting sale of a portion of the products of a unit situated at Free Trade Zone to Domestic Tariff Area;

(b) whether it is a fact majority of the units at Kandla Free Trade Zone are not being given the concession of sale of a portion of their products to the Domestic Tariff Area and if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) how many of the total operating units at Kandla are availing this concession; and

(d) what corrective steps are being taken in the matter of ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU) : (a) In terms of current Import-Export policy, the units in the Export Processing Zones are permitted, on a case by case basis, to sell upto 25% of their production in the Domestic Tariff Area on payment of applicable duties. Goods manufactured in Free Trade Zones/Export Processing Zones are also allowed to be sold in Domestic Tariff Area against valid import licences.

(b) to (d). Permission for domestic sale is allowed by the Development Commissioner on application by the units. Four units in Kandla Free Trade Zone have requested for permission to sell in the Domestic Tariff Area under the policy relating to sale upto 25% of the production. While one unit has already been permitted, the requests of other units pre under consideration. One unit has applied for and has been permitted sale in DTA against valid import licence.

Apparel Exports Promotion Council's Representation Against New Policy

490. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Apparel Exports Promotion Council has represented to Government against the discriminatory policy being followed at present favouring the large export units;

(b) whether it is also a fact that in the new Export/Import Policy the suggestions received from the garment industry has not been incorporated; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN) : (a) The Apparel Export Promotion Council has represented against the alleged discriminatory Policy being followed at present favouring the large export units. However, the Policy is not discriminatory in nature. The Small Scale Sector continues to get special treatment in the new Policy as well. IRMAC Scheme which is meant for servicing the import requirements of indigenous industry has been